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## Pennsylvania's September Yield Forecast

HARRISBURG, PA, Sep 13, 2011 - - Based on crop conditions as of September 1, estimates of Pennsylvania's 2011 production of Maryland-type and Burley tobaccos are expected to be above last year, while production of corn for grain, soybeans, and Pennsylvania Seedleaf tobacco is expected to be below a year ago according to the Pennsylvania field office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

The corn for grain yield is estimated at 114 bushels per acre, two bushels above the August 1 forecast, but down 14 bushels from last year's final average yield of 128 bushels per acre. With acreage for harvest currently estimated at 930,000, the resulting production is expected to be 106 million bushels, down 9 percent from a year ago.

The soybean yield is estimated at 42 bushels per acre, five bushels above the August 1 forecast, and unchanged from last year's final average yield. With acreage for harvest currently estimated at 475,000, the resulting production is expected to be 20.0 million bushels, down 4 percent from last year.

The Burley tobacco yield is estimated at 2,250 pounds per acre, 150 pounds per acre less than a year ago. With acres for harvest estimated at 5,000, the resulting production would be 11.25 million pounds which is up 12 percent from the previous year. The Southern Maryland-type tobacco yield was estimated at 2,200 pounds per acre, 50 pounds per acre less than a year ago. With acreage for harvest estimated at 3,000, the resulting production of 6.60 million pounds will be 33 percent above last year. The Pennsylvania Seedleaf tobacco yield was estimated at 2,350 pounds per acre, unchanged from last year. With acreage for harvest estimated at 1,700 acres, the resulting production of 4.0 million pounds would be 19 percent below last year.

Nationally, **corn** production is forecast at 12.5 billion bushels, down 3 percent from the August forecast, but up fractionally from 2010. If realized, this will be the third largest production total on record for the United States. Based on conditions as of September 1, yields are expected to average 148.1 bushels per acre, down 4.9 bushels from the August 1 forecast, and down 4.7 bushels from 2010. If realized, this will be the lowest average yield in the United States since 2005.

**Soybean** production in the U.S. is forecast at 3.09 billion bushels, up 1 percent from August, but down 7 percent from last year. Based on September 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 41.8 bushels per acre, up 0.4 bushel from last month, but down 1.7 bushels from last year. Compared with last month, yield forecasts are higher in the Central Great Plains and along much of the Atlantic Coast. If realized, the forecasted yield in Nebraska will be a record high. Yield forecasts are below last month across the Southern Great Plains and portions of the Southeast as hot, dry conditions persisted during August. Area for harvest in the United States is forecast at 73.8 million acres, unchanged from August, but down 4 percent from 2010.

**Tobacco** production in the United States for 2011 is forecast at 633 million pounds, down 13 percent from last month, and 12 percent below 2010. Area harvested is forecast at 337,430 acres, slightly above last month, but virtually unchanged from last year. Yields for 2011 are expected to average 1,875 pounds per acre, down 283 pounds from August and 225 pounds less than 2010.

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